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ANENT THE MINERAL TAX

Minister of Mines Heard the Many Complaints

Kootenay Mail: A feature of taxation that deserves greater attention in the mining and mineral industry is the mineral tax. With a properly adjusted tax of this character its effect would be to encourage and encourage that in special mineral tax would be necessary. A man or company with a good income can afford to pay taxation and ought to do so.

It is proposed by some mining men that the mineral tax be placed on the balance left after paying freight, freight and mining charges.

But E. G. Prior, minister of mines, has returned from the Kootenay, as reported as follows:

"You ask me what are the general conditions and the public feeling in the different districts. That is a hard question to answer off-hand. The one great thing that struck me most was the tremendous belief and faith in the country expressed by practical mining men who had seen mining properties in all parts of the world. Undoubtedly B.C. has a large number of men for mining, but for all that, there is a general feeling that there is a great future for the mines of B.C. 'Mavens' don't much get, but I'm going to stick to it, what you have on all sides."

"The 2 per cent tax is what I heard most about in the way of complaints. I have taken down many valuable remarks in regard to this tax, and I hope in a short time to give them the consideration which they undoubtedly deserve. Complaint is one thing, but it suggests an alternative remedy is another, and a further matter."

What does the country need to encourage mining development?

"Well, I think it can be summed up in one word, viz., stability. The first thing that it would be well to consider is the question of taxation, which at the present time is getting a fair revenue for the government, but the great wish of mining men is to know that no changes are going to be made in the laws, so that they can plan ahead and know the conditions under which they must operate. I have talked with owners, managers and miners by the dozens, and all are agreed as to that."

"The eight-hour law is here today, and will never be altered; but I hope the miners to allow the industry to get well over the hump and become a real and prosperous business before they pushed for any further legislation affecting labor, which might keep capital out of the province. There are so many places in the world where the capitalist can find his money and where cheap labor, such as I have never to see in British Columbia, is obtained, that it is most important to be careful for a while. The fact is, that no capital is worth it of becoming in the present time and prospects are continuing, but not being able to place their property."

IMPORTANT NOTICE

As there is considerable misapprehension among prospectors with regard to recording assessment work done in excess of \$100, before we print the latest amendment to the Act, it is a little strange that such important laws should be advertised only in the monthly, before prospectors are continuing. That paragraph 2 of section 2 of the Mineral Act amended same Act, which is

so interpreted that, should any free miner perform assessment work on his claim during any one year to the value of one hundred dollars or more in excess of the amount required to be done in any one year by the Mineral Act, the right thereby given such free miner of recording a certificate of work done to the value of one hundred dollars, as to as to cover his assessment work for an additional year in respect of such one hundred dollars in excess, shall be exercised only during the year in which such excess shall be performed, and it is further ordered that this order shall take effect from the first day of June, 1902.

DISTRICT NEWS

Happenings of Local and General Interest

The date of the Spokane Interstate fair are Oct. 6 to 14 inclusive.

G. A. Stacker has gone to Vancouver on business. He will return in about a week.

C. Tupper left at this office the first tomorrow we have seen grown in this fertile valley.

P. Perkins left a fine mast of mountain goat at this office a few days ago. He shot the goat up Tule creek.

Golden has four different tomatoes. The people of that burg should not make at the Windermere tomatoes.

A Court of Revision of the names on register of voters of North East Kootenay will be held in Golden, Nov. 3.

Rev. Mr. Yates conducted his services in Wilmer at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Sunday.

E. Collett came in from Fort Steele last week and visited the Progress mine. He has done some south-going.

Mr. Foster is preparing to visit a substantial hold on the Tule creek. Some time he will have brought up for him by the Tule creek.

R. N. Adams, who and I family of Cambridge, spent several days last week back hunting at the upper lake, and returned with a big bag.

The Kootenay Mail quotes Minister of Mines Prior as saying that the two per cent tax was not so bad. Mr. Prior inquired that and it is hoped he will let it go quickly.

Miss Howell, a tourist from Chicago, who spent several weeks in Windermere, has left for home. In our report she said she was delighted with her stay and intends returning next year.

Messrs. Griffin, Redner, Taylor and Foster have gone mounting up another three creek. Messrs. Taylor and Griffin will be back a week and from two weeks, but it is possible they will be back in a week.

The mineral departmental exchange is now made making the most best every night and several will be given the glad-hand and enough money is saved to buy cheap eastern goods for good western goods.

Miss J. Robertson, Miss Evans and Mrs. Jackson went to the Paradise mine Friday to visit Mrs. McMillan. They returned with a "glorious time." They found the amount and all over the silver belt and Paradise.

Teams loaded and moved out from Wilmer loaded to the Paradise mine. The 2000 lbs. of silver ore for the Tule creek was sent up. These Tule creek teams are now at a job of piled up in the warehouse to be put in the creek.

R. N. Skirpington, it is stated, has a number of men and teams employed in repairing the main road from Wilmer some 20 miles north towards Golden. It is also stated that he is doing the work at his own cost. It is true he is very energetic in winter when all the freight and travel from that district is over the road.

Good Man—For His District.

Granbrook Herald: "Minister Wells was very prompt when it comes to his district. The question of the Paradise road came up two weeks ago, and already it has been settled. So wonder the Wilmer and Golden goes into the hands of the right man for the honorable gentleman's promptness, as follows:

"It is a pleasure to have me to the point where the old station master Mr. Hon. Mr. Wells, once anterior to the requests of his constituents, and this is not a case in many in which he has been for the welfare of the district has shown itself at several moments in the past."

"And yet for two years the part of the district has been undergoing to an important road, though to every good and all that has been done is to use the old station trail, and the money had to be taken from other improvements contemplated in the district. The Herald agrees that it cannot give the sentiments expressed by the Herald."

Yours is a very good man, Hon. Mr. Wells. It is really to be regretted that you are unable to get as good a minister as we have, but how long or how this you can see up or wrong.

OUR ORE SHIPMENTS

Following is the number of tons of ore shipped from the Windermere district and the value so far as available have been ascertained, which will be augmented daily:

Mine	Pounds	Value
Paradise	1,505,250	
— In transit	80,000	
Delphic	7,431	\$529.20
— In transit	145,500	
Red Lightning	1,400	
Swan	2,000	
White Cat	7,000	
Silver Belt	25,000	1,500.00
M. T. Preston	31,000	2,292.25
— In transit	45,000	
Bingham	1,000	40.00
	2,285,441	\$1,796.55

Mr. Oliver Mowat says that it is almost impossible to say a man cannot be a Christian and be successful in politics. He said: "I have known too many sincere Christian men among my political opponents as well as among my political allies not to agree that vice and sin have been led." Mr. Oliver once said as much the high standard as any kind of in many words, but he has never been a politician in B.C. It is up to someone to say that an editor can be a saint.

Rev. Mr. Taggart will conduct services every Sunday in Windermere at 10 a.m. At 8 p.m. and Wilmer at 7:30 p.m., excepting the first Sunday in each month, when he holds services at Golden. Everybody is welcome.

Thos. McNaught, manager of the H. L. Smith & Co. Springs, Nanaimo, was married at Vancouver to Miss Thomas of Vancouver. Earlard. Mr. McNaught has many friends throughout the valley and we hear him in a happy way. The couple much enjoy their new home.

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VOTERS' LIST

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For Sale—Choice White Wyndolite Carrels at 11 each. Apply to F. F. Price, Golden, B.C.

Divine service held every Sunday evening in St. Peter's Church, Windermere, at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Kidnapping it is difficult to get men for the lumber camp at Golden. It is said that one employer in an endeavor to get some men who were coming up to work on Spring creek road, told the men that there was no food of snow up there. There is no snow anywhere near the road.

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Golden Nuggets

(From Our Correspondent.)

September 6.

W. L. Houston has gone to Wilmer on business.

A number of mining men are in town this week.

Sherrill Redgrave has gone on a business trip to Field.

F. C. Lang, mining recorder, was over to Revelstoke this week.

Mrs. J. C. Jagers, of Greenacres, is visiting old friends in town.

A. Hamilton has returned from his trip to the Okanagan valley.

Miss Sprague and Miss Bolton have gone on a trip to Vancouver.

A. Longmire returned to the Golden Hospital from Calgary Tuesday last.

Mrs. S. G. Robbins and children returned from Revelstoke Tuesday last.

H. E. Foster, who has been in town the last few days, returned to Fairlands yesterday.

R. Milligan is starting a camp some miles south of Golden. About 20 men went upon Friday.

J. Carlin of Field and W. Carlin of Fort Steele are in town, the guests of their brother, M. Carlin.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Jones and children leave in the morning for Winnipeg. They will be absent for a month or so.

Dr. Creighton of Winnipeg, arrived in town today, and will take charge of the Golden Hospital during Dr. Taylor's absence.

A meeting of the license commission was held in the Court House yesterday and granted a license to the Mineral Lake Club at Field.

Bill Hamilton, of Windermere, was so taken with Golden for its beauty, when he came down on the 1st that he is considering for some weeks.

The passenger traffic at present is so heavy that the trains are exceptionally slow, both from east and west. A very great number of people are travelling.

The steamer Hawk went out Friday with a heavy load of freight on board. A snow boat with timber for the Tule creek bridge was also taken up by the Hawk.

Mr. Brady, wife of the Rev. P. L. S., and son, of Victoria, arrived in town today for a visit. They will in all probability visit the upper country before they return to the coast.

Dr. and Mrs. Taylor will hold here in the morning for Ottawa. Dr. Taylor has been intending to take a three months' holiday for sometime, but has been unable to secure anyone to his place. While absent they will visit most of the western cities.

Miss Sprague and Miss C. D. Lang left on Thursday for Leavenworth. They will go from there to Lake Louise, and will also visit the Maritime valley before they return. A. Hume of Fairlands has taken over the management of the Tule Creek since during Miss Lang's absence.

J. E. Brady, Columbus, will be brought to the front in the early autumn. This is a very mining field where there are possibilities to the north and west. Robert Brainerd who will invest his money after careful investigation of the possibilities submitted to him. An experienced mining engineer, who spent several months in British Columbia, has been in the province in only slowly recovering—London Express.

The Peterborough Tiding Co. have about three carloads of general merchandise at Golden that it is being kept up for some time of the year.

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W. P. EVANS,

Publisher and Proprietor.

WILMER, B.C., THURSDAY, SEPT. 11, 1902.

The mail service between here and Cranbrook is still languid, but hopes are entertained that it will increase in energetic motion before many months.

A government owned smelter and refinery would cure a whole lot of ills that mineowners and capitalists complain of. It would show the exact cost of treating ore and solve the freight rate problem.

The Minister of Mines is quoted by the Slovan Drill as making some very sensible remarks, it says: Col. Prior thought the great trouble with the country was too much tinkering with the Mineral Act, and he did not want to see it touched again in years. There was too much freak legislation brought into the House, which had a baneful effect. What the country wanted was peace and he would use his best endeavors to secure it.

Evidently the Sandon Paystreak's famous contempt case is not soon to be forgotten. Newspapers all over Canada seem determined to know why the court which took such a short time to sentence MacAdams to imprisonment should have taken 28 months to reach an important civil case. The press refuses to be caged and will keep up the agitation until more editors are imprisoned or they are allowed to express their opinions on judges actions.

When American mineowners had the Smelting Trust fight, the British Columbia may have a chance of coming to its own. And the right seems to be in the Court of Mines. For sometime past there have been fugitive reports in the press that the Smelting Trust had again its agents in the Shewan. Now from Spokane one gets the reason, says the Vancouver World. Relations between the Court of Mines mineowners and the smelting trust are on the verge of a crash. It seems agreed that a lead smelter and refinery, with a capacity of at least 500 tons a day, employing hundreds of men, for treating the ores of the Court of Mines and of Republic, will be built at Spokane within a year. A similar plant will probably be erected at Inver, to handle the surplus of the Court of Mines ores, which cannot be treated to advantage in the Washington city. Matters have been precipitated lately by the refusal of the smelting company to handle shipments of ore made by the mines in excess of the amount stipulated by contract. The decision on the part of the mineowners to do their own refining is one of the most important that has ever been reached in the mining circles of the northwest. Since the formation of the American Smelting & Refining Company, and its securing control over nearly all the lead smelters of the country, things have been decidedly strained. The smelting company, controlled by the Guaymas, has refused to dictate absolutely and arbitrarily the terms under which the Court of Mines mineowners should market their product. The trust compelled them to sign contracts agreeing to give all their output to the trust smelters, and to route it over the railways selected by the trust. It has always been charged that the trust has made enormous profits from the rebates which it got from the railways on freight bills paid by the mineowners. Then, too, the smelting charges have been considered high, and requests for reductions have been refused.

What does this fight mean to British Columbia? Here it what the Rosland Miner says on the subject:

This development in the lead industry of the Pacific Northwest will have an extremely important bearing on the Kootenay lead producers' prospects. In fact it would almost seem as if the fight between the trust and its Idaho producers would work a revolution in the lead camps of the Province, and the reason for this is not difficult to trace. The partial paralysis of the silver-lead industry in the Kootenay dates from the day when the American Smelting & Refining Company sold to the Kootenay lead miners: "We will not buy your product at any figure." In making this attitude the trust was animated by the fact that it had accumulated a large reserve of lead in pig at its various smelting plants, while the consumption of the metal had not increased in the same ratio as the production. An easy method of curtailing production was to refuse to buy Canadian lead, knowing that the Canadian smelters could not handle the output of the Kootenay mines, and that the American smelters outside of the trust had their hands full to deal with their local supplies after purchasing a limited quantity of foreign silver ores from British Columbia. The trust was enabled to manipulate the American market, assisted by a heavy export duty in such a manner that they were enabled to pay the Court of Mines producers \$200 per hundred at the outside. Had the trust continued to buy Canadian ores the Kootenay miners would be in a position to reduce approximately \$250 per hundred for his product after paying the import tax. Having reduced its purchasing zone by eliminating the Canadian lead source, the trust proceeded to still further curtail production, and it was then anxious to obtain the end that has led to the present difficulty. The trust instructed certain of its Court of Mines mines to reduce their tonnage, and while tonnage were paid to keep the mines in part for the loss incurred, it was maintained that the bonus was most unsatisfactory and the mineowners have refused under the restraint for a year or more. Now comes the announcement that the Court of Mines mineowners have resolved to fight the trust. The declaration of hostilities between the Idaho miners and the American Smelting & Refining Company finds all the large Kootenay producers of lead ore closed down and not a pound of ore being treated out that does not carry slightly high silver values to make its production profitable, exclusive of lead contents.

If the declaration of the Court of Mines leaves the lead trust without lead ore for their various smelting plants the trust is certain to turn to British Columbia as the natural source of supply. There is enough lead in the Kootenay to supply the trust plants. On the other hand the smelting mineowners may desire to enter the viable supply of lead ore, and in this event will be compelled to buy British Columbia ores. A declaration of the problem is assumed not further will work a revolution in the present condition of the British Columbia silver-lead camps. If the Court of Mines ceases to supply the lead trust with ore the trust must come to the Kootenay for its supply, and the trust must have its supply of lead ore to fight the smelting mineowners. The latter, on the other hand, would be turning a clever trick if they controlled the Kootenay lead ore supply, for the trust would thereby be prevented from operating its smelters at great cost. No matter which way the game goes the Kootenay producer is in on the ground floor and is bound to win. Let there be war 'tween trust and mineowners, and let them be lots of it!

HUGH MACDONALD,

BARRISTER,
SOLICITOR,
NOTARY PUBLIC.

WILMER,

North East Kootenay, British Columbia.

ROBERT ELLIOT, M.D.,

PHYSICIAN AND
SURGEON.

WILMER,

East Kootenay, British Columbia.

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JAMES BRADY,

DEMINION AND
PROVINCIAL
LAND SURVEYOR.

MINING ENGINEER.

Golden and Windermere, B. C.

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Work and Trusts created.
Surface and Underground Mine Surveys.
Excavations and Reports.
Lands for Sale on Lake Windermere and
and British Creek.

Certificate of Improvement.

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Box, Phoenix, World's Fair, Wilmer,
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Situated in the Windermere Mining Division
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days from the date hereof, to apply to
the Mining Recorder for a certificate of
improvement, for the purpose of obtaining
a "loan grant" of the above parcels.
And I further certify that I am not
under section 27, must be commenced
before the expiration of such certificate of
improvement.

R. S. Galt.

Dated this 25th day of July, 1902.

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1900.

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Division, held at the Court of North East
Kootenay, to be held in the Government
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afternoon of Thursday, September 11th,
1902, the following application will be
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